

REMARKS

The above-identified application is a U.S. National Stage application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT international application PCT/JP00/05901, filed 30 August 2000.

The Specification has been amended to recite "R- indicates the side chain of a D-N-carbamoyl- α -amino acid", support for which may be found *inter alia* in the Specification as filed at Claim 16, page 61, line 21. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment which is submitted in the format required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 together with a marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs/sections. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made:

At page 11, line 24, with the following paragraph:

--Figure 3 is a schematic diagram showing the substrate binding manner of the active site of decarbamylase. R- indicates the side chain of a [D- α -amino acid] D-N-carbamoyl- α -amino acid. The names of amino acids are indicated by residue numbers and triple-character notation.--